

What is claimed is:

1. A rise-assist device comprising:

a substantially vertically oriented support pole;

a base comprised of a plurality of support frame members connected to the support pole by at least a first connection member, allowing the base to be positioned in offset relationship to the support pole at a desired distance;

an at least one handrail member attached to the support pole; and

an attachment member for securing the device to a structure for positioning the at least one handrail at a desired position relative to the structure.